

10. (Amended) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between the key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the key structures.

11. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures includes power means for providing power to the computer.

12. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 11 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

13. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 11 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

14. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises an integrated circuit.

15. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises a passive component.

16. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

17. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 16 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

18. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 10 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises storage means for storing data.

19. (Amended) A computer system comprising:

a central processing unit;

output means for outputting data from the computer; and

a keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure;

a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another and defining a space between the key structures of at least two of the plurality of keys; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the space between the key structures.

20. (Amended) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures includes power means for providing power to the computer.

21. (Amended) The computer system of claim 20 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

22. (Amended) The computer system of claim 20 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

23. (Amended) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises an integrated circuit.

24. (Amended) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises a passive component.

25. (Amended) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

26. (Amended) The computer system of claim 25 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

27. (Amended) The computer system of claim 19 wherein the computer component disposed between the key structures comprises storage means for storing data.

28. (Amended) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key of the plurality of keys having a key structure supporting a key cap, the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a section key space;

a keyboard structure for holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the section key space.

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29. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

30. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 29 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

31. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 29 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

32. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises an integrated circuit.

33. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises a passive component.

34. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

35. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 34 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

36. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 28 wherein the computer component disposed in the section key space comprises storage means for storing data.

37. (Amended) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:

a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure and a key cap, the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a section undepressed key capless key space;

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a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space and being mounted to a surface facing the plurality of keys.

38. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

39. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 38 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

40. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 38 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

41. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space comprises an integrated circuit.

42. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space comprises a passive component.

43. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

44. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 43 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

45. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key capless key space comprises storage means for storing data.

46. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37, wherein:

the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys also define a section undepressed key space; and

the computer component other than a keyboard component is at least partly disposed in the section undepressed key space.

47. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

48. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key space comprises an integrated circuit.

49. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key space comprises a passive component.

50. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

51. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 41 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

52. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 37 wherein the computer component disposed in the section undepressed key space comprises storage means for storing data.

53. (Amended) A keyboard for a computer, the keyboard comprising:
a plurality of keys, each key including a key structure and a key cap;
a keyboard structure holding the plurality of keys in place relative to one another;

the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys defining a bounding key set undepressed key capless space; and

a computer component other than a keyboard component, the computer component being at least partly disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space.

54. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

55. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 54 wherein the power means comprises a power source.

56. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 54 wherein the power means comprises power regulation means for regulating power supplied to the computer.

57. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises an integrated circuit.

58. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises a passive component.

59. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

60. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 59 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

61. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 53 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key capless space comprises storage means for storing data.

62. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 53, wherein:

the key structures and the key caps of the plurality of keys also define a bounding key set undepressed key set space; and

the computer component other than a keyboard component is at least partly disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space.

63. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space includes power means for providing power to the computer.

64. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises an integrated circuit.

65. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises a passive component.

66. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises output means for outputting data from the computer.

67. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 66 wherein the output means comprises remote access means for transmitting data to or receiving data from a device that is not physically attached to the computer.

68. (Amended) The keyboard of claim 62 wherein the computer component disposed in the bounding key set undepressed key set space comprises storage means for storing data.
